



## **NLBMDA ALERT: Urge Members of Congress to Support HomeStar and Delay EPA Lead Rule**

### **Issue:**

It is critical that all lumber and building material dealers call or email their members of Congress today and urge them to support HomeStar legislation (H.R. 5019). The House is scheduled to vote on HomeStar legislation tomorrow, Thursday, May 6. Please contact your Representatives today and urge them to support this legislation to create consumer incentives to purchase and install energy-efficient products in their homes. Home Star would create a temporary federal rebate program that would spur retrofitting activity across the country, benefiting building material retailers and others across the construction supply chain.

In addition, please call or email your members of Congress today and urge them to cosponsor H.R. 5177 and S. 3296, which will delay the implementation of the EPA lead rule. House and Senate lawmakers must understand that the availability of EPA trainers is insufficient to meet contractor demand. There are currently only 204 EPA trainers available nationwide to train over 300,000 renovators. This legislation will delay the EPA lead rule until accreditation classes are held in the States for a period of at least 1 year.

One-fourth of the Senate currently supports S. 3296, introduced by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK). Current cosponsors are: Coburn (R-OK), Vitter (R-LA), Collins (R-ME), Barrasso (R-WY), Crapo (R-ID), Alexander (R-TN), Bond (R-MO), Hatch (R-UT), DeMint (R-SC), Bunning (R-KY), Brown (R-MA), Cornyn (R-TX), Enzi (R-WY), Hutchison (R-TX), Grassley (R-IA), Risch (R-ID), Brownback (R-KS), Cochran (R-MS), McConnell (R-KY), Isakson (R-GA), Wicker (R-MS), Chambliss (R-GA), Roberts (R-KS), and Burr (R-NC).

Representatives currently cosponsoring H.R. 5177, introduced by Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-MT), are: Mary Fallin (R-OK); Lincoln Davis (D-TN); Roy Blunt (R-MO); and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI).

Be sure to thank the senators and representatives who have already cosponsored the legislation.

### **Take Action:**

[Please click here to send an email to your members of Congress and urge them to support HomeStar legislation.](#)

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